

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am Richard A. Parmelee and I am a person who believes in the Second Amendment and am a State of Connecticut Pistol Permit Holder. I believe the State has enough Gun Laws and should uphold and use the laws it has.

Gun control laws do not stop crime and I am adamantly opposed to SB16 and HB5416.

Placing restrictions on law abiding citizens does not stop criminals.

Gun Control is a failure, if it worked, we would not be back here every year asking for more laws. The fact that we are is an admission that everything up to now has not worked.

There is no such thing as Gun Violence, we have a Criminal Violence problem and instead of attacking law abiding citizens, you should be attacking crime and criminals.

Limiting carrying in public places puts people at risk as they will not be able to defend themselves against bad people. Gun Free Zones have claimed more lives than it was intended to save.

Allowing Police to detain citizens and ask for their permits with no evidence of a crime being committed is unlawful. "Show me your papers" was a tactic used by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany but has no place in CT.

Preventing bulk purchases of pistols is laughable, as criminals do not follow laws. This would only affect legal gun owners from buying collections, transferring collections and other legal activities. Straw purchases are already illegal so it would still be a crime.

We support SB388, an act concerning defense, HB 5415 an act concerning legal transfer of assault weapons and magazines, and HB5412 an act concerning the duty to retreat in a house of worship.

For years we have heard Democrats state "I support the 2nd Amendment but..." the truth is you don't. For years Democrats have stated you are not coming after our guns, truth is you are.

This is an election year and anyone who votes in favor of further restrictions on law abiding citizens will feel the full impact of our effort to VOTE YOU OUT OF OFFICE.

Thank you for your time

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